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## ADDENDUM TO DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE DATED: March 23, 2004

Name of DNS: DESIGNATION OF THE KILLER WHALE AS A STATE ENDANGERED SPECIES (WAC 232.12.014)

**Description of DNS:** The Department of Fish and Wildlife is evaluating the killer whale for possible listing as state endangered species. One rule is proposed to be amended: WAC 232.12.014, which identifies species that are in danger of extirpation in the state and are in need of recovery actions to restore populations to healthy levels. The proposed amendment would classify the killer whale as a state endangered species. The Draft status report was available for a 3-month public review (November 3-February 3, 2004). The Final Status Report is available for review for 1-month (March 1-April 1, 2004)

The final status report is available at the Department of Fish and Wildlife headquarters, (360) 902-2534, and regional offices, and libraries throughout the state. Locations to obtain copies, and electronic copies of the final status report may be obtained online at the address <a href="http://wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/diversty/soc/status/orca/index.htm">http://wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/diversty/soc/status/orca/index.htm</a>

**Proponent:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Wildlife Program, 600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, Washington 98501-1091. Contact: Endangered Species Section Manager.

**Location of DNS, including street, if any:** Statewide, marine waters of Washington, inland waterways of Puget Sound, the San Juan Islands, the Strait of Juan de Fuca and the Strait of Georgia

**Lead Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

The lead agency is providing updated information on this project which may be of interest to other agencies or the public. The updated information provided below does not substantially change the analysis of significant impacts in the existing environmental checklist.

The original environmental checklist dated March 1, 2004, should be modified to reflect the following corrections: Page 3, Question 11, Paragraph 6:

At the close of the public review period on February 3, 2004, the WDFW began preparing the final status report and listing recommendation for the peregrine falcon killer whale.

Based on the original environmental checklist and the updated information provided in this addendum, the lead agency has determined that a new threshold determination is not warranted. There is no comment period associated with this SEPA environmental checklist addendum.

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